

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yukihisa KATO et al.
 Serial No.: 09/144,851
 Filed: September 1, 1998
 For: FRUIT VINEGAR FROM...

Art Unit: 1761
 Examiner: C. SKERRER
 Washington, D.C.
 Atty.'s Docket: KATO-15
 Date: April 16, 2000

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an ☐ Amendment ☒ **SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**
 in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Indep.	1	minus	3	0	x37	0	x76	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					-120	0	-240	0
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- ☐ It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Supplemental to the amendment filed February 23, 2000, please enter the following Supplemental Amendment:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 1 in amended form as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a fruit vinegar, which comprises subjecting at least one member selected from the group consisting of lemon juice, lime juice, yuzu juice, kabosu juice, sudachi juice and shii kuwasa juice and a dilution thereof in the presence of alcohol (ethanol) and in the absence of an alkaline agent, to acetic acid fermentation by acetic acid bacteria.

Please amend claims 12-15 and 20 as follows.

Claim 12, line 2, delete "flavorful acid citrus fruit";

line 3, delete "with a low citric acid content" and after "one" insert --member--;

line 6, delete "such as apple juice";

line 7, delete "such as potato starch";

line 8, delete "such as maize flour (corn

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